--- 1/10th Pound - Blue - “Series of 1897” - 250 x 15 mm ---

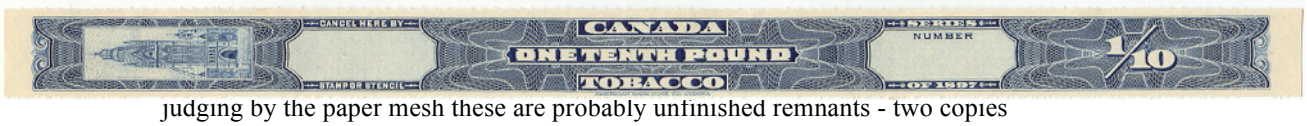
The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/10th pound blue strip as follows:

RP-716 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, with 4½ mm. red controls - 250 x 15 mm

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell if, and how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

Lee Brandom lists a ***white tablet*** variety of the 1/10th pound blue 250 mm. strip. The tablets in some of the 1/10th pound strips printed from well-worn plates appear at first glance to be ***white*** however under magnification it is apparent that they have the “Dominion of Canada” background. Does a true ***white tablet*** really exist on this 1/10th pound blue 250 mm. strip?

These 1/10th pound blue *control-free* strips occur with a *horizontal* mesh, which is the opposite of most of the production strips printed on *vertical* mesh wove. Were these *control-free* strips printed at a later date on *horizontal* mesh paper.



judging by the paper mesh these are probably unfinished remnants - two copies

RP-716n - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without control numbering - 252 x 15 mm

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RP-716n - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, blue, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without control numbering - 252 x 15 mm stamped **CANCELLED** and **Registered** in violet ink

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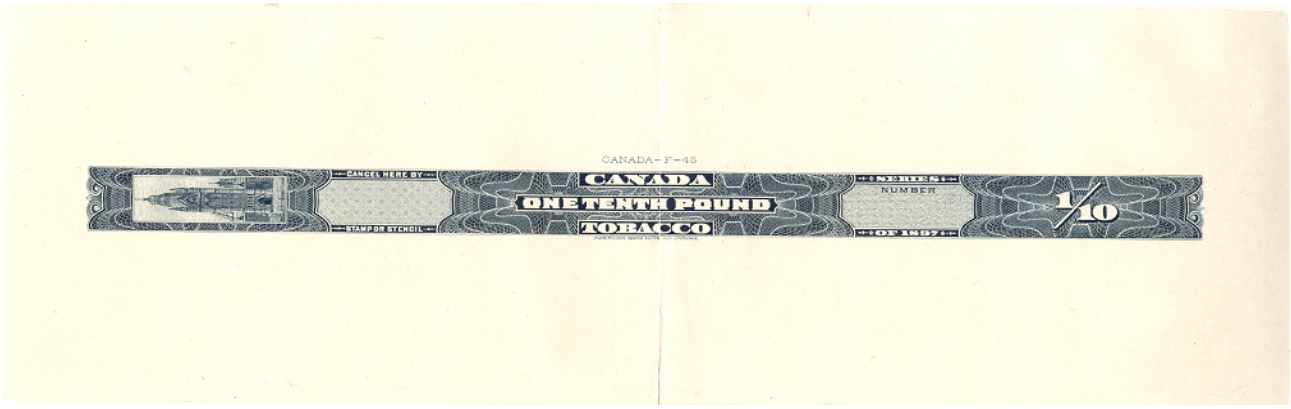
--- RP-716 DP - Blue die proof recess printed by *hand* - imperforate - 246x 15 mm. - scanned at 65% scale ---

It seems odd that the **RP-716 DP**, the 1/10th pound blue die proof, measures 246 x 15 mm, while **P-511 DP**, the 1/10th pound black die proof, measures 250 x 15 mm. Probably they were printed using different 1/10th pound plates.



RP-716 DP - 1/10th pound, blue, the die proof “CANADA-F-45” - 246 x 15 mm

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--- 1/10th Pound - Blue - "Series of 1897" - 250 x 15 mm. ---

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* - 4½ mm. *red controls* - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

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As will happen in the "Series of 1915", beginning with the 1/9th pound strip, there are two different lengths in the same denomination - 155 mm. and 250 mm. This may be due to the packaging requirements from certain manufacturers, or to the wartime 1914-18 restrictions. This difference was later bridged in the "Series of 1915" by producing the 10 inch ***long white end*** version of the 155 mm. strip.

Their being printed on *vertical mesh* wove seems to indicate that these 250 mm. strips date from the early years of the "Series of 1897", and that the 155 mm. strips on *horizontal mesh* are a later printing.

One can over-read the Plate Number **14** into thinking that many copies of the blue strip were printed. The same plates were used to print the black - blue - red and green strips.

3331801 ★	RP-716	1/10th pound, blue, on vertical mesh wove, coarse roulette, a top copy from Plate No. **14** - 249 x 15 mm roller cancelled TOBACCO / CUSTOMS / Hamilton
7707870 ★	RP-716	1/10th pound, blue, on horizontal mesh wove, coarse roulette, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-20**

RP-716 - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **3331801**, on *vertical mesh* wove - A top copy from Plate No. **14**, Roller cancelled TOBACCO / CUSTOMS / Hamilton in rose-violet ink - 250 x 15 mm

1569839	RP-716	1/10th pound, blue, on vertical mesh wove, coarse roulette, with an unreadable roller cancellation
1970281-82 ★	RP-716	1/10th pound, blue, on vertical mesh wove, coarse roulette, a top pair from Plate No. **11**- 251 x 15 mm

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